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SUBJ: ISRAELYAN ON LEWIS INVITATION AND WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

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1. SUMMARY. IN MY APRIL 26 CONVERSATION WITH MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION HEAD ISRAELYAN, HE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN MORE THAN GENERAL TERMS WITH LEWIS, SINCE THEY WERE IN NESTERENKO'S DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM AND NESTERENKO TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT THE SAME TIME, BUT U.S.-SOVIET DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES WOULD BE USEFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONVERSATION ON OTHER TOPICS WITH ISRAELYAN APRIL 26, I MENTIONED ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS' INVITATION, AND HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO COME, BUT THAT HIS RESPONSE STILL DEPENDS ON UNCERTAINTIES IN HIS SCHEDULE. HIS REPORT FROM NEW YORK  
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ON THE SCRANTON-MALIK MEETING DESCRIBED IT AS PLEASANT

AND FRIENDLY, WITH BOTH SIDES EXPRESSING THE COMMON WISH AND READINESS TO COOPERATE. THIS CERTAINLY REFLECTS THE CHARACTER OF OUR RELATIONS, HE SAID AND POINTED OUT THAT BUFFUM BEGAN TALKS ON UN MATTERS AT HIS LEVEL WHICH IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONTINUE.

3. THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH THE AGENDA PROPOSED BY LEWIS, ISRAELYAN WENT ON, IS ITEM H., ON ECONOMIC TOPICS, E.G., FOOD. BECAUSE THE SOVIET MINISTRY HAS A DIFFERENT STRUCTURE, FROM OURS AND NESTERENKO IS IN CHARGE OF THESE MATTERS, THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY ITEM HE WOULD NOT BE READY TO DISCUSS, EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR GENERAL VIEWS.

4. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR NESTERENKO TO COME AT THE SAME TIME, ISRAELYAN REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR NESTERENKO TO COME AT THE SAME TIME, BUT THAT IT IS CERTAINLY USEFUL TO DISCUSS THESE TOPICS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. THE PROBLEM WAS STRUCTURAL DISSIMILARITY: IN HIS JOB, HE DEALT A GREAT DEAL WITH DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS, WHEREAS LEWIS PERHAPS DEALS AS WELL WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS MORE IN NESTERENKO'S PURVIEW.

5. IN CONCLUSION, ISRAELYAN SAID HE WOULD LET ME KNOW ABOUT TIMING, AND LOOKED FORWARD TO POSITIVE DISCUSSIONS. WITH A TWINKLE, HE ADDED HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO BRING EXPERTS ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WITH HIM, SO THAT HE MIGHT ATTEND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALS.

6. COMMENT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INVITING NESTERENKO SEPARATELY, AND PERHAPS SOMEWHAT LATER, THAN ISRAELYAN.  
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